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Mr. Malcolm A. Frost
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Dear Malcolm:

I have just dispatched a confidential message to you expressing my regret that I will be unable to join you and General Jacob on Cyprus the last week in April. I had hoped that I could do this but several things, in addition to those which I mentioned in my earlier classified message, have come up which make it impossible.

Although I anticipate no difficulty, I have not yet obtained formal approval for our interim operation on Okinawa and I feel that I cannot leave until this plan is under way. There are also several minor projects which must be approved by the agency some time during late April or early May if I am to obligate funds therefor prior to 1 July. We are also confronted with a move of our Washington office to another building some time during April or May. The new East Coast station is just getting started and I feel that I would like to see it a little further along before my departure. All of these things combined seem to present an almost insurmountable obstacle and I feel that I should not leave at this time.

Accordingly, as I advised in my message, [redacted] and I hope to arrive in England the early part of June and depart for Cyprus so as to be away from England at the same time you are, i.e., 17 June to 4 July. If you would care to have some member of your staff accompany us to Cyprus, we would be pleased to have him. We then plan to return to England and would hope to have our formal meeting some time between the 5th and 10th of July in order to permit our prompt return to the States.

Within the next few days I will forward you some points which I anticipate should be on our agenda for this meeting. I should greatly appreciate your comments as well as those additional points which you think should be on the agenda in order to permit maximum discussion with our consumers and other officials in the agency prior to our departure.

Sincerely,

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